

**IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER**

**MICHAEL PARHAM**

**OCCUPATION:** Investment Banker, Plaza Vista PTA President

Through the financial commitment and tireless efforts of parents, teachers and the community, Irvine has been successful in its approach to public education. While we have been successful in the past, we need to continue to strengthen our position as one of the leading school districts in California. With increasingly scarce financial resources it is important to understand the legal complexities of this environment and position our school district wisely.

I have a particular interest in the Irvine school system with two children at Plaza Vista. I've met with leaders in Sacramento as a Legislative Action Representative, and arranged a town hall forum to discuss the state budget. I also understand the dynamics of large organizations as a result of my role as adviser to companies and shareholders. A product of California public schools, I earned a BA in Economics at Dartmouth College, an MBA from NYU, and a CPA.

I believe we need to further improve on the high standard of education that the Irvine Board of Education has set for our district. I look forward to providing our children with a challenging and stimulating educational experience that enables them to achieve their individual goals.